



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### STOMACH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: More than 95,000 individuals in the United States are affected by stomach cancer; and
- WHEREAS: According to American Cancer Society estimates, approximately 28,000 new cases of stomach cancer will be diagnosed and nearly 11,000 individuals will die from this type of cancer in 2017; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 80 percent of all stomach cancers are diagnosed at stage four, providing affected individuals with only a 4 percent chance of living at least five years after the diagnosis, one of the lowest survival rates of any cancer; and
- WHEREAS: Stomach cancer primarily affects older adults and the average age of diagnosis is 69. Each year, roughly 6 out of every 10 individuals diagnosed with stomach cancer are over the age of 64; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations including Debbie's Dream Foundation are committed to providing education and support to those affected by stomach cancer as well as their families and caregivers. Through greater awareness and further research efforts, a cure may one day be possible; and
- WHEREAS: Stomach Cancer Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase awareness of the condition in order to expand treatment options and provide those affected by stomach cancer with a better quality of life; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as STOMACH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

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